



Christopher Means
Environmental Scientist
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Region

RE: Stipulated Order No. R9-2020-0150; CW-631631: CMeans

August 10, 2020

Dear Mr. Means,

As San Diego's oldest civic organization, Citizens Coordinate for Century 3 (C-3) has advocated for responsible and equitable land use practices for six decades. We believe our unique natural base is a treasure to our region, and C3 was one of the first organizations in the region to endorse and join the ReWild Coalition in support of the "Wildest" plan for restored native wetland ecosystems in Mission Bay Park.

In coordination with ReWild Mission Bay, we facilitated community meetings and recruited dedicated design professionals to illustrate a new vision – one that provides opportunities for plants, animals, and neighbors to thrive and survive as our climate warms and sea levels rise.

We believe C3's alternative land use plan does three things:

- It takes the findings from ReWild's scientific study, which identifies areas of potential wetland restoration and expected level of sea level rise, and applies them to a plan for how Mission Bay park land is developed and utilized.
- It visually illustrates the ideas and solutions offered by ReWild's initiative during presentations to the public, City staff, and elected officials.
- It supplements ReWild's maps on sea level rise, public access, hydrology, and climate resiliency by illustrating how the "Wildest" Mission Bay Park connects to nearby neighborhoods.

The “Wildest” land use plan was designed by local landscape architect David McCullough, and meets the City’s recreation and land use goals while also achieving new opportunities for low-cost guest accommodation, neighborhood park amenities, new recreation infrastructure, wetland restoration, and overall increased resilience to projected sea level rise.

It is our understanding the City’s proposed Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) to the San Diego Water Board will similarly engender the creation of a new land use alternative for northeast Mission Bay. We encourage an alternative that embraces new, more accessible land uses and community amenities, which the “Wildest” plan demonstrates is possible.

We support the City’s SEP proposal, but encourage further exploration into uses that will interact with and benefit from restored wetlands. We also encourage the water board to remain involved in the creation of the new alternative.

This land use plan, which has already been presented to councilmembers, the media, and the public, is attached as part of this document and also available at the C-3 website at c3sandiego.org.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Goodson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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